

# "The Church That Is in New York"

## Inspirational Books Aid In Work of the Ministry

"The Religion of Power" and "Christ on Parnassus"  
Volumes Which Stimulate the Pastor in His  
Preparation of Sermons

"One of the sad things connected with the ministers of a city like New York is that they haven't time for inspirational readings." This is an expression recently used by a most prominent clergyman in discussing the quality of preaching that is heard these days. A very prominent layman, when speaking of his minister as a most untiring worker, said: "He only preaches a splendid sermon when I have presented him with one of the many inspirational books which are being published now."

Certainly there is nothing which so stimulates a minister in the preparation for the delivery of his own heart's message to the people of whom he is the minister as the inspiring utterances of a man who, driven by his own soul's thirst for God, has been led anew to the flaming bush where the revitalizing presence of God is seen and felt.

One such book is that entitled "The Religion of Power," which recently has been issued by the George H. Doran Company and written by the Rev. Dr. Harris E. Kirk, pastor of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church of Baltimore. This book, which contains a series of lectures delivered at the Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, on the Sprunt lecture foundation, is a study of Christianity in relation to the quest for salvation in the

theology, by the Rev. Peter Taylor Forsyth, principal of Hackney College, London. Explaining the mission of his book, Principal Forsyth says: "A Gospel which saves society must also save its culture. A great philosophy has a fine and powerful word to say about other things than metaphysics, on things that express the passion, romance and beauty of life."

Working from this premise, he urges in this volume the principle that religion, and especially Christianity, if real and deep, affects the whole man and the whole society. For this purpose he takes that "great social product which often seems to have less to do with Christianity than some others, namely, art, music, literature, and his book, based on the "Esthetic" of Hegel, analyzes Greek art and religion, Hebrew art and religion and Christian art—painting, architecture, music and poetry. This book, emphasizing the holiness of beauty, is inspired by a heart and expressed through a mind which recognizes quite as clearly the beauty of holiness.

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The annual convention of the Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church of New York State will be held in Synod Hall, Amsterdam Avenue and 110th Street, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The committee on young people's work in the Presbytery of New York has completed plans for the second annual Presbyterian Training Institute for the members of the Young People's societies of the Presbytery of the city, to be held in the West End Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam Avenue and 108th Street, beginning next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

A memorial service for the late Professor Seabury will be held in the chapel of the General Theological Seminary on November 14.

Lester H. Cleo, director of the boys' division of the New York Sunday School Association, is delivering a series of lectures on "Boyology" at the

West Side Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evenings of this month at 8 o'clock.

The Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, West End Avenue and Ninety-sixth Street, the Rev. Edgar Whitaker, Work minister, will give a social and reception in honor of the Rev. John A. Marquis, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and the Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, moderator of the Presbyterian Synod and Presbytery of New York, and Mrs. Mendenhall.

Rev. Norman M. Thomas, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Day and the Rev. William F. Merrill. Others to have a part in the programme are the Rev. William Adams Brown, the Rev. John Henry Jewett and the Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall.

### SERMON TOPICS AND NEWS NOTES

#### BAPTIST

Carter, 123 West 57th st., the subject of the present study will be "The Prophecy of Ezekiel." This class meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Dr. Carter, 123 West 57th st., 11th Avenue South; the Rev. Dr. John W. Adams, 8 p.m. Dr. Adams Brown, 8 p.m. Dr. John Henry Jewett and the Rev. Dr. Harlan G. Mendenhall.

Dr. Daniel Russell on "Justices of the Peace"; Dr. John W. Adams, 8 p.m. Dr. Scott, Central Park West and 68th st., the Rev. Dr. John W. Adams, 8 p.m. "God and the World"; Dr. John W. Adams, 8 p.m. Dr. Adams Brown, 8 p.m. Dr. John Henry Jewett and the Rev. Dr. Harlan G. Mendenhall.

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